

## CHESTER PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.



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Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1940.

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE CHESTER PORT  
HEALTH AUTHORITY.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for 1940.

**BOARD.** The composition of your Board and the extent of its jurisdiction are the same as in previous years.

**COASTWISE** This traffic has shown little change during the year.

No Passengers entered the Ports.

**INSPECTION** The usual systematic inspection of the Coastwise Vessels has been carried out with regard to Sickness, Water Supply, Ventilation, Sanitary conditions of the Crews' quarters, and the presence of Rats. A number of Rats were taken and destroyed on the quays.

Several minor defects were found on inspection in certain of the Vessels, to which the attention of the Master was drawn with subsequent improvement.

No cases of Infectious Diseases occurred in the Port during the year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

J. LLEWELYN JONES,

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APRIL 18TH, 1941.

## **I. Character of Trade Port:—**

Passenger Traffic during 1940—Nil.

Cargo Traffic. Principal Imports—Timber, Wood Pulp, Iron Ore, Esparto Grass and Scrap Iron.

Principal Exports—Galvanized Steel Sheetting.

## **II. Source of Water Supply:—**

Rhyl—Supply of the Rhyl Urban District Council.

Connah's Quay—Supply of the Connah's Urban District Council.

Mostyn—Supply of the Holywell Rural District Council.

## **III. Port Health Regulations, 1933:—**

On arrival at the Port of Foreign Vessels, the Customs Officer, along with the Officer of the Sanitary Authority, board the ship. The Declaration of Health form is filled in and signed by the Master.

Moorings Stations designated under Article 10.

(a) Within the Docks—None.

(b) Outside the Docks:—

(1) Mostyn Deep.

(2) The Rhyl Roadstead off the Parade between the Pier and the East Bank of the River Clwyd.

## **Standing Exemptions.**

Authority for Officers to allow certain unclean Vessels to proceed to their usual place of mooring, discharge, or loading, where a death or case of the following diseases has occurred on such vessels:—

Acute Polio-Encephalitis.	German Measles (Rubella).
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis.	Measles.
Cerebro-Spinal Fever.	Membranous Croup.
Chicken Pox.	Malaria.
Continued Fever.	Pneumonia (either Primary or Influenzal).
Diphtheria.	Relapsing Fever.
Dysentery.	Scarlatina (Scarlet Fever).
Epidemic Infantile Paralysis.	Trench Fever.
Encephalitis Lethargica.	Tuberculosis (all Forms).
Erysipelas.	Typhoid Fever (Enteric Fever).

### **Hospital Accommodation.**

Arrangements have been made by which cases of plague, cholera and yellow fever, occurring at the Port, will be transferred by Ambulance and treated at the Port of Liverpool Hospital. Cases of Smallpox and other Infectious Diseases will be removed by Ambulance and treated at the Chester Isolation Hospital.

Arrangements for the diagnosis and treatment of Venereal Disease among sailors have been made with the Royal Infirmary, Chester.

**IV. Measures against Rodents.** Specimens of the rats destroyed were examined for plague.

**V. Hygiene of Ships' Crews.** Lack of cleanliness was observed in forecastles, messdecks, water closets, to which the attention of the Master was drawn with subsequent improvement.

**VI. Food Inspection.** No action required to be taken.

**Shell Fish.**—There are Shell Fish beds at Parkgate, within the jurisdiction of the Port Sanitary Authority. These beds are not liable to pollution by sewage.

During the year several samples of Shell Fish were submitted for bacteriological examination. The bacteriologist reported that the results complied with a lenient but not with a strict standard of purity.

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